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PARIS FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OCON, NESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GC: ARAB RESOLUTION SEEKING SANCTIONS OF
ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

REFS: STATE 240797 AND STATE 240171

PURSUANT REFTELS EMBOFF CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, OBEBE, NOV. 2 AND URGED NIGERIAN
SUPPORT FOR ELIMINATING PARA OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (PARIS 25558)
ON SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. EMBOFF ALSO STRESSED ADVERSE
REPERCUSSIONS ADOPTION OF THIS PARA WOULD HAVE IN U.S. OBEBE,
WHO NOT AWARE OF SITUATION IN UNESCO, EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING
OF U.S. POSITION AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER IMMEDIATELY.
HE NOTED PREPONDERANCE OF ISLAMIC STATES AS CO-SPONSORS
AND POINTED OUT THAT NIGERIA WAS SECULAR STATE DESPITE LARGE
MOSLEM POPULATION. HE DID NOT SAY, HOWEVER, WHAT FMG POSITION
WOULD BE ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMENT: IT POSSIBLE (BUT WE NOT HOPEFUL) INSTRUCTIONS WILL
BE SENT OVER WEEKEND TO SUPPORT U.S. EFFORTS ELIMINATE
OFFENDING PARA. NIGERIAN DEL, HOWEVER, MAY BE PLACED UNDER
EXTREME PRESSURE BY ARAB STATES SO THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS IT
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MAY SIMPLY ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION IN CURRENT FORM.

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